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# **NT 500 CONCISE GREEK**

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### **Course Description**

NT 500 is an introduction to a basic acquisition of the Greek language of the New Testament as well as being an introduction to the fundamental matters regarding interpretive understanding and exegetical method, skills, and tools.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Students will acquire knowledge of the Greek alphabet and familiarity with the basics of Greek vocabulary, grammar and syntax.
2. Students will develop a basic understanding of the use of modern linguistics for exegesis.
3. Students will become acquainted with standard reference works (printed & electronic) used in the exegetical task.
4. Students will develop a basic knowledge of text-critical matters relating to the GNT.

### **Course Requirements**

1. Students will prepare assignments for, attend, and participate in scheduled classes.  
**Completing Required Reading – 5% of final grade**
2. Students will be given ten exams relating to the Greek language. Material for these examinations will be covered both in class and in the required text *It's Still Greek to Me* by David A. Black. (Students are encouraged to supplement their study with *Greek Tutor*.)  
**Weekly Exams – 10% of final grade; Final Exam – 15% of final grade**
3. Students will be required to complete worksheets that are assigned throughout the course.  
**Class Worksheets – 30% of final grade [N.B. Late worksheets will not be accepted.]**
4. As a final assignment, students will complete an analysis of a New Testament passage using the tools and Greek language skills acquired in the course. Details of the analysis will be discussed in class.  
**Analysis of New Testament passage – 40% of final grade**

## **Required Texts**

Black, David Allen. *It's Still Greek to Me*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998).

Cotterell, Peter and Max Turner. *Linguistics and Biblical Interpretation*. (London: S.P.C.K.; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1989).

Douglas, J.D., ed. *The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament*. (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1993).

## **Required Software**

*BibleWorks* (Hermeneutika)\*

## **Recommended Text**

Caird, G.B. *The Language and Imagery of the Bible*. London: Gerald Duckworth, 1980; reprint ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1997).

(If you need to brush up on your English grammar, I suggest you obtain a simple text to do so.)

## **Recommended Software**

*Greek Tutor* (Parsons Technology)\*

**\**BibleWorks* and *Greek Tutor* are available for student use at the computer center in the library. [I strongly recommend purchasing *BibleWorks* as soon as possible along with the other required texts.]**

## **Course Schedule**

The weekly schedule is subject to change before the start of class.

### **Week 1**

Introduction. *BibleWorks*. *Greek Tutor*. Greek Alphabet and Pronunciation. Parts of Speech.

**For Homework:** Prepare for EXAM #1: The Alphabet, Vowels, Diphthongs, Punctuation, Breathing and Accent Marks. Read Black, chapters 1 & 2. Start working with *BibleWorks* program as soon as possible. (*Greek Tutor*: Introduction and chapter 1.)

### **Week 2**

Exam #1. Pronunciation Practice. Introducing the Analytical Lexicon- Book and Software

(*BibleWorks*). The Greek Verb. Practice Sheet A. **For Homework:** Black, chapter 8. Practice pronouncing as much of Mark 1:1-15 as you can. (Chapters in *Greek Tutor* that discuss the finite

Greek verb are: 3, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25. You are not required to memorize these forms. Use these chapters **as an aid** to further understanding of the verb.)

### **Week 3**

Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #1 preview. A closer look at Mark 1:1-15 with *BibleWorks*. The Greek Verb (continued). **For Homework:** Black, chapter 9. Do Worksheets #1 & #2. Practice pronouncing Mark 1:6-10. (Note chapters in *Greek Tutor* under Week #2.) Prepare for EXAM #2: The Greek Verb.

### **Week 4**

Exam #2. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #2 in class. Commentaries: Their Forms and Functions. Greek Case Forms and Functions. Practice Sheet B. **For Homework:** Black, chapter 3. Do Worksheet #3- Critical Commentaries. Practice pronouncing Mark 1:11-15. (Chapters 4, 5, 13, 28 in *Greek Tutor* discuss the noun and case forms/functions.) How is *BibleWorks*?

### **Week 5**

Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #3 in class. Mark 1:1-15 and Establishing a Research Agenda. Kaqw.j ge,graptai and Intertextuality. Greek Case Forms and Functions (continued). **For Homework:** Prepare for EXAM #3: Greek Case Forms and Functions. (Review material in Black chapter 3 and *Greek Tutor* (see Week Four 9/27). Do Worksheets #4 & #5.

Read Cotterell and Turner, chapter 1.

### **Week 6**

Exam #3. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheets #4 & #5 in class. The Concordance. Practice Sheet C. Review Verbs and Nouns. Introduce Greek Prepositions. **For Homework:** Read Black, chapter 7; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 2. Prepare for EXAM #4: Greek Verbs and Nouns. Do Worksheets #6 & #7. Practice reading Mark 1:1-15. (Chapter 6 in *Greek Tutor* discusses prepositions.)

### **Week 7**

Exam #4. Pronunciation Practice: 1 John. Worksheets #6 & #7 in class. From Text to Sermon. Adjectives. **For Homework:** Do Worksheet #8. Read Black, chapter 4; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 3. Prepare for EXAM #5: The Adjective. Read the First Letter of John in English and then start to focus your attention on 1 John 3:1-17 especially as it relates to Worksheet #9 for next week. (Chapter 7 in *Greek Tutor* discusses the adjective.)

### **Week 8**

Exam #5. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #8 in class. Genre. The Infinitive and Participle. **For Homework:** Do Worksheet #9. Read Black, chapters 10 & 11; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 4. Prepare for EXAM #6: The Infinitive and Participle. Practice reading in 1 John. (Chapters 19, 20, 21, 22 in *Greek Tutor* discuss the participle and infinitive.)

### **Week 9**

Exam #6. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #9 in class. New Testament Textual Criticism. The Clause. **For Homework**: Do Worksheet #10. Read Black, chapter 13; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 5. Prepare for EXAM #7: The Clause. Practice reading in 1 John. (Chapter 27 in *Greek Tutor* discusses the Greek clause.)

### **Week 10**

Exam #7. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #10 in class. Cotterell & Turner in class. The Pronoun. **For Homework**: Do Worksheet #11. Read Black, chapter 5; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 5. Prepare for EXAM #8: The Pronoun. (Chapters 8, 11, and 26 in *Greek Tutor* discuss the pronoun.) **Begin work on Worksheet #13 – Grammatical Analysis of 1 John 2:3-6 (First 5 parts due Week 12)**

### **Week 11**

Exam #8. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #11 in class. Cotterell & Turner in class. The Article. **For Homework**: Do Worksheet #12 – Semantic Domains. Read Black, chapter 6; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 6. Prepare for EXAM #9: The Article. Continue work on Worksheet #13 [Parts 1-5 due next week]. (Chapter 5 in *Greek Tutor* discusses the article.)

### **Week 12**

Exam #9. **Parts 1-5 of Grammatical Analysis of 1 John 2:3-6 Due [MAKE COPY]**. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #12 in class. Review for EXAM #10. Adverbs, Conjunctions, and Particles. **For Homework**: Read Black, chapter 12; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 7. Prepare for Comprehensive EXAM #10. Complete Worksheet #13 (Part 6 – Consultation/Interpretation: 1 John 2:3-6).

### **Week 13**

**Part 6 of Worksheet #13 (Consultation/Interpretation) Due**. Review for EXAM #10. **For Homework**: Prepare for Comprehensive EXAM #10. Read Cotterell & Turner, chapter 9.

### **Week 14 (Finals Week)**

Final Exam (#10). Cotterell & Turner Journal Due.